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Crackdown on 'casinos'

Jubo League leader Khalid among 183 held as Rab raids clubs; liquor, cash seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khalid Mahmud Bhuiyan

Rab arrested Jubo League Dhaka South Organising Secretary Khalid Mahmud Bhuiyan at his Gulshan home yesterday evening for running a "casino" at a football club in Fakirerpool.

Rab raided at least five clubs in the city yesterday and detained and sentenced 182 people in connection with running "casinos", gambling, and drug abuse, and sealed off at least two clubs.

Khalid's arrest came after a Rab mobile court detained and sentenced 142 people raiding the "casino" in Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club and seized some apparently blackjack tables, slot machines, Tk 24.29 lakh in cash, yaba pills, and some bottles of liquor around 4:30pm.

Khalid is the president of the club and he was detained around 7:30pm, Sarwar-Bin-Kashem, director (legal and media) of Rab, told The Daily Star.

Rab also seized three firearms, bullets, and yaba pills in his possession.

"One of the firearms was illegal while two others were seized for breaching the conditions of the licence for the firearms," Rab said in a text.

Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam in a press briefing after the raid at the club said Khalid ran the well-decorated "casino". Out of the 142 people arrested there, 31 people, including 16, were sentenced to one year in jail and the rest to six months' imprisonment.

Many of them were arrested drunk, he said.

Rab officials said every day crores of taka used to be gambled in the "casino" that remained open 24/7.

Sarwoer said Youngmen's Club was a football club but a portion of the floor space was used for running the "casino".

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Some people hide behind what appears to be blackjack tables as Rab officials raid Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club in the capital last night. *Inset*, a Rab officer in front of slot machines in the club that had a "casino". The Rab mobile court arrested and sentenced to jail 142 people there. The law enforcers last night raided four more clubs in the capital that had such gambling facilities. Two clubs were sealed off and 40 more people were detained and sentenced.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

'BCL men' attack DU protesters

Expulsion of 34 admitted without tests demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University students laying siege to the office of the business faculty dean were attacked allegedly by Chhatra League men yesterday.

The protesters, mostly quota reformists and activists of left-leaning organisations, were demonstrating in front the dean's office demanding his resignation and expulsion of 34 BCL leaders who got admitted to a master's programme without admission tests.

On September 8, the Prothom Alo reported that 34 leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League got admitted to a programme under the business studies faculty ahead of the Ducsu polls without going through any admission test. Eight of them were elected to the Ducsu and hall unions.

As left-leaning student organisations and quota reform activists started demonstrating on the campus following the report, the dean claimed that those who completed graduation and post-graduation from the DU didn't need admission tests.

Yesterday, activists of different left-leaning student

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Tigers romp into final

SPORTS REPORTER *from Chattogram*

A positive mindset, proper game plan and perfect execution helped Bangladesh clinch a much-needed win and seal a place in the final of the tri-nation T20I series as they beat Zimbabwe by 39 runs in in Chattogram yesterday.

Despite the Tigers having one more game in the round-robin stage, Bangladesh and Afghanistan advanced as the two finalists after Zimbabwe, with a third consecutive defeat, crashed out of the race.

The Tigers' team management experimented with their playing eleven yesterday as well as the hosts fielded two debutants in the form of opener Najmul Hossain and young leg-spinner Aminul Islam.

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PROPPING UP STOCK MARKET

Govt measures falling flat

DSEX drops to 33-month low

AHSAN HABIB

The government's recent measures to prop up the stock market appear to have failed as the unusual fall of share prices continues to rattle investors.

Yesterday, the DSEX, the benchmark index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, slumped to a 33-month low to 4,888 points, losing 533.61 points or 9.84 percent since July 2. The investors have already lost Tk 31,349 crore in share value.

Earlier in May, Bangladesh Bank widened the banks' scope for investing in the stock market as part of efforts to revitalise it.

In a circular, the BB said the banks' investment in non-listed securities -- such as equity, non-convertible cumulative preference share, non-convertible bond, debenture and open-ended mutual funds -- would not be counted as capital market exposure.

In the budget for fiscal 2019-20, the government also doubled tax-free dividend

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FORCED MARRIAGE

Pabna OC suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Pabna*

Police Headquarters has suspended Obaidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station, for his involvement in arranging marriage of a rape victim and accused.

Inspector General of Police issued the suspension order on Tuesday, said Rafikul Islam, superintendent of Pabna police.

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ALIF GROUP

Heartiest Congratulations to Md Azimul Islam

We, all the members of Alif Group, take immense pride to congratulate **Mr Md Azimul Islam,** Managing Director, Sajib Knitwear & Garments Limited for receiving CIP card for the year 2017, from **Mr Tipu Munshi MP**, Honorable Commerce Minister, in the presence of **Mr Tofail Ahmed MP**, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee, Ministry of Commerce.

His faith in Allah (SWT), hard work, perseverance and optimistic attitude has made him one of the youngest recipients of this prestigious card. We pray to Almighty Allah (SWT) for his long successful life and good health. We truly believe that his leadership will help us and the nation to set a new horizon for business excellence.

Congratulations

Mr. Mostafa Kamal, Chairman & Managing Director, Meghna Group of Industries is seen receiving CIP (Export) Card for outstanding contribution in export from Hon'ble Commerce Minister Mr. Tipu Munshi, MP in a ceremony held on 18th September 2019 at Hotel Intercontinental, Dhaka.

On this occasion, Mr. Tofail Ahmed, MP and Chairman Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Commerce was present as Special Guest and Mr. Sheikh Fazle Fahim, President FBCCI was present as Guest of Honour.

All the officials and staff of Meghna Group of Industries, Meghna Economic Zone, Meghna Industrial Economic Zone and Cumilla Economic Zone are pleased to congratulate him for receiving such an honour.

He also received Export Trophy in gold category of 2010-11 and 2011-12 FY for his outstanding contribution in export from Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2013 and 2016 respectively.

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